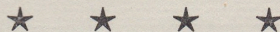


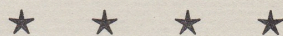
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# Battle Honors

1. Under the provision of Section IV, Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, the following units of the IX Troop Carrier Command are cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy. The citations read as follows :



"The 434th Troop Carrier Group. For outstanding performance of Duty in action against the enemy on 5, 6 and 7 June 1944. On these dates, members of Group Headquarters, and of the 71st, 72nd, 73rd and 74th Troop Carrier Squadrons of the 434th Troop Carrier Group completed 132 Powered Aircraft Sorties and 132 Glider Sorties in the Troop Carrier spearhead of the Allied Invasion of the European Continent. Notwithstanding the fact that all of the unarmed and unarmored aircraft of the 434th Troop Carrier Group were flown at minimum altitudes and air speeds, under unfavorable weather conditions, over water, and into the face of vigorous enemy opposition, with no possibility of employing evasive action, their gliders carrying essential airborne infantrymen and urgent supplies were accurately released over pin point objectives. The outstanding courage, skill and fearless initiative demonstrated by all of the personnel of the 434th Troop Carrier Group, both individually and as a closely knit combat team, contributed immeasurably to the success of the European Invasion and materially accelerated the collapse of enemy forces on the Normandy Coast. The victorious exploits of the 434th Troop Carrier Group are exemplary of the highest tradition of the Army Air Forces."



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